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The following is a summary of items addressed by the State Board of Education, with web links to electronic versions of those items—as provided to the State Board.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

[Presentation on 2008 Public School Academy \(PSA\) Report to the Legislature](#)

This report fulfills a statutory obligation for the Board to summarize charter school experience to the State Legislature. This year's report shows trends in PSA performance, particularly with respect to their service to low-income and minority students. It shows that PSAs are generally outperforming their host districts, but that they still are behind traditional districts statewide. The report includes some policy and practical recommendations for strengthening Michigan's PSA sector, and some recommended areas of future study.

During the lengthy discussion regarding the report and other PSA issues, the State Board asked for some minor modifications to be made to the report. At its March meeting, the Board will be asked to approve the revised report and approve its transmittal to the Legislature.

[Presentation on the MEAP-Access Assessment](#)

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) was awarded a grant from the U. S. Department of Education to develop an alternate assessment of students with disabilities by modifying existing MEAP assessments in order to provide better access to students with disabilities who meet the eligibility criteria for participation. The MEAP-Access Assessment is being piloted. When MEAP-Access becomes operational, the results will be used for calculating adequate yearly progress (AYP).

At its March meeting, the Board will be asked to approve the use of a recommended format for fall 2009 implementation.

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Presentation on the Proposed Standards for the Preparation of Central Office Administrators

Public Act 335 of 2006 reinstated administrator certification on a voluntary basis. Central Office Administrator preparation standards have been developed for approval of programs. The standards were presented to the SBE in September 2008. Following that meeting, the standards were made available for public input.

Presented to the State Board were the proposed standards that reflect input from the Board, field, and the public. The standards will be returned to the Board for approval at its March meeting.

Discussion Regarding Federal Legislative Agenda

Three federal initiatives were identified. These initiatives will be shared by Board members attending the National Association of State Boards of Education Legislative Conference on March 12-13, 2009.

- National Standards
- Increased Time for Instruction
- Federal Resources for Quality Professional Development; Requiring that one day be provided on-line

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

The Board received information on three conferences approved for cosponsorship by the MDE:

- 2009 Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference – March 26-28, 2009
- MI-AIMH Biennial Conference: "Healing Relationships: Preventing the Transmission of Intergenerational Trauma – April 26-28, 2009
- April as Month of the Young Child 2009 – April 1-30, 2009

In addition, the Superintendent notified the Board that he has approved a modification to the previously approved Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District plan for the delivery of special education programs and services, and reported on a recent teacher revocation decision.

The Superintendent provided the State Board with information on the following grants that have been awarded by the MDE.

- [2007-2008 IDEA, Part B Mandated Activities Projects \\$1,169,000](#)
- [2007-2008 IDEA, Part B Mandated Activities Projects \\$3,690,000](#)

- [2008-2009 Alternative Energy Training Programs Grant](#)
- [2008-2009 Mandated Activities Project, Preschool Outcomes Measurement Grant](#)
- [2008-2009 Cultural Access Grant](#)
- [2008-2009 Title II, Part D Enhancing Education Through Technology \(EETT\) Competitive Grants](#)
- [2008-2009 My Dream Explorer Grant](#)
- [2008-2009 Pilot Programs for Science and Math Instruction](#)
- 2008-2009 Mandated Activities Projects Interagency Contracts, Part C, Comprehensive System of Personnel Development
- 2008-2009 Title I Accountability/School Improvement
- 2008-2009 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) Grant Program
- 2008-2009 Title II, Part D (Models of Demonstrated Proficiency) Enhancing Education Through Technology Competitive Grants
- 2008-2009 Special Projects Grants Under Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

REPORT OF MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Mrs. Jennifer Haberling, 2008-09 Michigan Teacher of the Year, provided a report on her activities over the last month including her trip to Dallas for the National Teacher of the Year Conference.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Presentation on and Approval of Accountability Workbook Amendment for 2008-09

The No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Accountability Workbook is the annual negotiation of the details of the state's plan. The only amendment MDE submitted to the U. S. Department of Education requests flexibility for a five-year graduation cohort to be used in addition to the four-year cohort currently in place. The Board approved the Accountability Workbook Amendment for 2008-09.

State and Federal Legislative Update

The Board was provided with a legislative update since its January meeting. The report included a list of the recently-appointed Michigan House Education Committee, and a brief overview of the U. S. House version of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Approval of the Career and Technical Education Standards

In addition, the Board approved the Career and Technical Education Standards that were presented at its January 13, 2009 meeting. These standards provide broad statements specifying the foundational knowledge and skills of learners/workers in order to demonstrate competency in a given career. They also provide a common language for educators and business and industry partners to describe learner/worker expectations.

CONSENT AGENDA

As part of its consent agenda, the State Board approved criteria for the following grant programs:

- [McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act Grant](#)
- [Section 99a of Public Act 268 of 2008, State School Aid Act Mathematics Remediation Grant](#)

Also as part of its consent agenda, the State Board adopted resolutions:

- [regarding National Teacher Appreciation Week](#) (May 4-8, 2009);
- [honoring Betty Underwood, Director of the Office of School Improvement, who is retiring on February 20, 2009](#); and
- [honoring William R. Keith, former Chairman of the Education Committee of the Michigan House of Representatives who passed away in January](#).

This publication is an effort to provide information on State Board of Education meeting highlights. The Board is interested in your feedback. Please direct your feedback to Eileen Hamilton, State Board Executive, at hamiltone@michigan.gov.